

Raices del Saber Xinachtli Community School Governance Board Meeting Minutes-APPROVED

Date May 27, 2021 Approved: June 10, 2021

Raices del Saber Xinachtli Community School, 2211 N. Valley Drive The Meeting was conducted via the Zoom Meeting Platform

Time: 5:17 PM - 7:38 PM

Roll Call and Call to Order:

The following Board Members confirmed attendance and stated their full name via Roll Call:

Governance Board Members									
	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived	Departed			
					Late	Early			
1	Jane Asche	Chair	X						
2	Holaya Ponce Acosta	Vice-Chair	Х						
3	Tonya Hall	Secretary	Х						
4	Emma Armendáriz	Director at Large			5:45 pm				
5	Daniel Ferraro	Director at Large			5:19 pm				
6	Ray Reich	Director at Large	Х						

Upon determining the presence of a quorum Board Chair Jane Asche called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

<u>Others in Attendance:</u> Interim Principal, Christy Takacs; Staff, Lucia Carmona, Business Manager, Vicki Chavez; SWREC, Erica Reyes; Staff, Issis Inzunza; Staff, Filo Rigales; Veronica Lucio, India Hernandez, Irma Lopez

1. Conflict of Interest Declaration – None Declared

Motion: Ray Reich moved the finance report be moved to item number 3 in the agenda. Second by Holaya Ponce Acosta. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of those in attendance at the time (Acosta, Asche, Ferraro, Hall, Reich).

Discussion: Business manager Vicki Chavez had another obligation.

- 2. Consent Agenda includes approval of the following:
 - a. Agenda for May 27, 2021 Meeting, Governance Board Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the May 24, 2021 Governance Board Meeting
 - c. The Monthly Finance Report to include:
 - i. Monthly Finance Committee Meeting Notes from Governance Board Chair
 - ii. Monthly Account Summary of Expenses,
 - iii. Monthly Account Summary of Revenue,

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- iv. Monthly Bank Statement
- v. Bank Reconciliation Statement,
- vi. Monthly Update in Preparation for the Quarterly Cash Report
- vii. Monthly Voucher by Warrant Report

Motion: Ray Reich moved to approve the consent agenda. Second by Daniel Ferraro. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of those in attendance at the time (Acosta, Asche, Ferraro, Hall, Reich).

- 3. <u>Finance and Audit Committees</u> by SWREC Business Management Team: Erica Reyes, John Richmond, Terrance Hester
 - a. Presentation of the Proposed SY 22 Budget.

Motion: Ray Reich moved to approve the School Year 2022 Budget. Second by Holaya Ponce Acosta. Motion passed unanimously by those in attendance (Acosta, Asche, Ferraro, Hall, Reich).

- b. Discussion and possible action on the following BAR 577-000-2021-0024-IB.
 - a. ESSER II funds will need to be expended by 2023. Plan to purchase Chromebooks, canopies for outdoor classrooms, cleaning supplies

Motion: Holaya Ponce Acosta moved to approve BAR 577-000-2021-0024-IB. Second by Ray Reich. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. All board members in attendance by this time.

- c. Discussion and possible action on the following BAR 577-000-2021-0025-I.
 - Received an additional allocation from the CARES fund (1st round) needs to be spent by end of June 2022 – plan to use for additional instruction resources and custodian

Motion: Ray Reich moved to approve BAR 577-000-2021-0025-I. Second by Holaya Ponce Acosta. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- d. Discussion and possible action on the additional BARs No additional BARs
- e. Update on the SY 2019-2020 Audit.
 - a. Audit was released Review of audit findings and resolutions. Do not expect additional findings
 - b. Board plans to request a review of findings from our new business manager, Erica Reyes.
- 4. *Public Input* None Requested
- 5. Review of Authorizer Unique Correspondence None this month
- 6. Principal's Report by Interim Head Administrator, Christy Takacs
 - a. School Site Visit by PED on May 24, 2021 Involvement positive comments from PED

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- b. Title I Application & School, Parent, and Family Engagement Policy and Compact received an extension to June 1. This allowed more feedback from parents. Plan to use money to support reading, about \$27,000 (\$14,000 carryover).
- c. Fine Arts Application plan to use for fine arts instructor \$15,000
- d. Title IV Application plan to use for fine arts instructor \$10,000 (+\$10,000 carryover)
- e. BMEP/CLR Grants excess funds to state charters. To be spent on bilingual education. Must be spent by 6/18/21. Plan to spend on supplemental classroom curriculum (reading, art materials & supplies) \$20,000.
- f. Possible One Week Summer Academic Intervention Program 3 staff members available for summer reading intervention program. Students in need of extra support will be invited to attend based on iStation scores and teacher assessments.
- g. Proposed School Calendar for SY 22
- 7. Concilio de Padres by Veronica Lucio
 - a. Combined with the Community Engagement Report
- 8. Community Engagement Reports (to include Community School Updates) by Lucia Carmona
 - a. Review of Title I, Title IV, Fine Arts Grant
 - b. Review of principal candidates
 - c. Review of Community School budget and implementation
 - d. IEC Contracts (AmeriCorps) updates

See Addendum A for more information

- 9. Reports from Committees
 - a. Academic Performance Committee

This committee did not meet this month; there will be not report.

- b. Governance Board Development Committee by Committee Chair, Jane Asche
 - i. Update on Board Recruitment and introduction of two potential new board members.
 - ii. Update on from Board Policy Subcommittee.
 - iii. Plan for the In-Person June 24 Annual Meeting, including location or by Zoom.
 - Board in agreement that they will convene in person and bring forth the prospective board members as well as the new principal in person as well.
 - iv. Development of a slate of new officers to present at the June 24 Annual Meeting.

See Addendum B for more information

- c. Facilities Committee by Ray Reich
 - i. Update on the permit for portable located on the school ground.
 - ii. Update on the potential purchase for the second portable.

See Addendum C for more information

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- d. Safe School Committee by Committee Chair, Tonya Hall
 - i. Update on the DOH request to offer a plan for student COVID testing.

As it is not required, our facilities do not meet the requirements and the fact that testing is readily available throughout the community and provided by the state for free, the COVID Task Force does not recommend Raices offers COVID testing for students.

- e. <u>School Development Committee</u> This committee is yet to be formed. This is a place holder.
- 10. Unfinished Business None

11. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action on a contract for the open principal position.
 Motion: Ray Reich moved to approve the principal contract. Second by Emma Armendáriz. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- Discussion and Possible Action on SWREC Contract Services for IEPs from Jenn Pena.
 Motion: Ray Reich moved to approve the SWREC contract services for IEPs from Jenn Pena. Second by Holaya Ponce Acosta. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- c. Discussion and possible action on the MOU with SWREC for the Business Manager Service for the 2021-2022 SY.
 - **Motion:** Ray Reich moved to approve the MOU with SWREC for the business manager service for the 2021-2022 SY. Second by Emma Armendáriz. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2021-2022 SY Budget Proposal
 Motion: Emma Armendáriz moved to approve the 2021-2022 SY Budget Proposal.
 Second by Ray Reich. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- e. Discussion and Possible Action on the Bilingual Application
 Motion: Emma Armendáriz moved to approve the bilingual application as submitted.
 Second by Ray Reich. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- f. Discussion and Possible Action on Title I Application & School, Parent, and Family Engagement Policy Compact.

Motion: Ray Reich moved to approve the Title I Application & School, Parent, and Family Engagement Policy Compact as submitted to the board. Second by Holaya Ponce Acosta. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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- g. Discussion and Possible Action on Fine Arts Application
 Motion: Emma Armendáriz moved to approve the fine arts application as submitted.
 Second by Ray Reich. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- h. Discussion and Possible Action on Title IV Application
- i. Discussion and Possible Action on potential One Week Summer Academic Intervention Program
- j. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed School Calendar for SY 22 Motion: Ray Reich moved to approve the Title IV Application, the Summer Academic Intervention Program and the School Calendar for SY 22. Second by Emma Armendáriz. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- 12. Agenda items for Next Meeting
 - a. Election of officers
 - b. Election of new school board members
 - c. Staff recognition
- 13. Date of the Next Governance Board Meeting June 24, 2021, at 5:15 PM, Location to be determined.

Adjournment – Vote to adjourn by roll call voice vote at 7:38 PM.

Motion: Holaya Ponce Acosta moved to adjourn. Second by Emma Armendáriz. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Signature, Raíces Governance Board Secretary

6/10/2021

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Lucia Carmona's Report May 27, 2021

I. Concilio de Padres coordination and support

- 1. Working with parents to facilitate the Concilio de Padres (Concilio) meetings.
 - Concilio Executive Committee (CEC) monthly meeting May 20, 2021

Facilitated by Lucia Carmona (staff) Mrs. Veronica Lucio wasn't able to attend.

- The discussion was centered on presenting three grant proposals: Tile I, Title IV, and Fine Arts Education. For this purpose, it is required input from Parents. By Christy Takacs, Interim Head Administrator.
- Presentation and discussion about Title I Policy. By Jane Asche, Raices Board Chair
 - Mrs. Asche walked parents through the Title I policy Draft in order to receive their input to finalize the document. Parents learned about the commitment that Parents, Teachers, and Students at Raices will make together to provide students the academic resources for success.
- There were some updates on the process to interview the three top candidates that applied for the Head Administrator position.
 - Parents, Staff, and Board members had the opportunity to participate in a person-to-person interview of these three candidates.

Dialogue/Diálogo/Tlahtocan

- Parents were engaged into the discussion providing input and asking questions about the Title I policy. Finally, Mrs. Jane asked parents for consensus about agreements and collaboration.
- For Title IV, all parents agreed that the most important to help students to advance academically is to use those funds to cover salary for a Reading Interventionist position.
- For Fine Arts Education, hopefully we will be able to hire an instructor who can provide support with the enrichment program.

II. Community School Coordinator administrative items:

- We (Jane and I) are preparing the last report due on June 2^{nd.}
- Working on the Budget from Community School Implementation for next cycle

III. OST-IEC program, Out of School Time, and Indigenous Educators Corps

- I am coordinating efforts to organize a program for the End of the Year Celebration on June 5th. This event it is confirmed to happen at the Christian Church of Las Cruces (our neighbors)
- Getting close to the end of IEC members contract (AmeriCorps members) In coordination with NISN Raices will be able to continue having 3 full time positions of IEC members for next School Year. We started the recruitment for new members. The Current IEC members (Briana, Martin, and Guadalupe) will continue with us for another year. Because they are part-time, we need to identify more members to complete the three full time positions we are entitled.
- In partnership with FYI we will be able to serve meals (breakfast and lunch) during the week of June 14-18, when Carlos, Issis, and Regina will provide Academic Intervention support to students that are in the need.

IV. Internal school administrative items:

- 1. **Facilities**: I joined to the Facilities team to support any pending items on this matter. We will receive soon the award letter for Lease Assistance.
- 2. **Hiring new staff positions announcement:** We still need to identify candidates for 3rd Grade Teacher. We received one application.
- 3. **Website maintenance:** Will continue uploading crucial documents. I expect during Summertime to dedicate more time for translations into Spanish documents and improve the site in general.
- 4. **Google Drive:** I am uploading documents to update the Drive.
- 5. Finalized on Academic and Budget School Year 2021-2022 Calendars.
- 6. Projected Student Enrollment for next SY (100)

Updates or enrollees to date:

K- 15

 $1^{st} - 32$

 $2^{nd} - 20$

 $3^{rd} - 20$

Raíces del Saber Parent Council Monthly Virtual Meeting May 20, 2021, 7:00 pm Agenda and Notes

Members of the Concilio Executive Committee (CEC)/Miembros del Comite Ejecutivo del Concilio

Position	Name	Phone number	Email	
President	Verónica Lucio	575-312-6075	verolucio6377@gmail.com	
Vice-President	Karen Chávez	575-640-7666	luanash85@gmail.com	
Secretary	Karla Martínez	575-449-0872	karomago@hotmail.com	
Co-Secretary	Nahtasha Garza-Swendle	509-595-6006	Nahtasha@yahoo.com	
Treasurer	Massiel Félix	575-621-0555	alfredo flx@yahoo.com	
Co-Chair Board Member	Holaya Ponce-Acosta	915-240-4135	hpadjust@gmail.com	
Faculty liaison	Juanita Ribail	915-227-9697	jribail@raicesdelsaber.org	
Concilio's Parent Rep.	Daniel Ferraro	915-929-7392	dan.ferraro@gmail.com	
Principal of the School	Angela Stock	575-956-3334	astock@raicesdelsaber.org	
Staff and Coordinator to the	Lucia Carmona	575-571-2177	lcarmona@raicesdelsaber.or	
Concilio de Padres				

Parents Representative per Grade/Padres Representantes por Grado

Grade / Grado	Name/Nombre	Contact Information/Información de Contacto		
Rep 1 - for Kindergarten	India Hernádez	575-202-6578	cousinindia@gmail.com	
Rep 2 - for Kindergarten	María Realzola	575-649-8255	maria.realzola87@gmail.com	
Rep 1 - for 1 st Grade	Ivonne Varela	575-805-4721	ivarela1308@gmail.com	
Rep 2 - for 1 st Grade	Dany Rivera	915-252-6159	Daniel.rivera@beatllc.com	
Rep 1 - for 2 nd Grade	Yvonne Lozoya	575-650-0298	sudaje@gmail.com	
Rep 2 - for 2 nd Grade	Gerogina Badoni	520-396-9424	gbadoni@nmsu.edu	

- 1. Welcome and Salute/Bienvenida y Saludo
- 2. Facilitated by Lucia Carmona (staff) Mrs. Veronica Lucio wasn't able to attend / Facilitado por Lucia Carmona (del personal) la Sra. Lucio no pudo atender.
 - The discussion will be centered on presented three grant proposals: Tile I, Title IV, and Fine Arts Education. For this purpose, it is required input from Parents. By Christy Takacs, Interim Head Administrator. /La discusión se centrará en presentar tres propuestas de fondos: Título I, Título IV, y Educación para las Bellas Artes. Para estas propuestas de fondos, es requerida la participación de los Padres de Familia. Por Christy Takacs, Administradora Interina de la Escuela.
 - Presentation and discussion about Title I Policy. By Jane Asche, Raices Board Chair
 - Mrs. Asche walked parents through the Title I policy Draft in order to receive their input to finalize the document. Parents learned about the commitment that Parents, Teachers, and Students at Raices will make together to provide students the academic resources for success. /Presentación y discusión sobre la Política para el Título I. Por Jane Asche, Presidenta de la Mesa Directiva de Raíces.
 - La Sra. Asche explicó a los padres de familia sobre el borrador de la póliza del Título I
 para pedir las opiniones y asi terminar el document. Los Padres de familia
 aprendieron sobre el compromiso que se establece entre los Padres de familia,

los(las) maestros(as), y los(las) estudiantes en trabajar juntos(as) para proveer a los(las) estudiantes los recursos académicos necesarios para el éxito.

- There were some updates on the process to interview the three top candidates that applied for the Head Administrator position.
 - Parents, Staff, and Board members had the opportunity to participate in a person-toperson interview of these three candidates. / Hubo algunas actualizaciones sobre el proceso de las entrevistas a los(las) tres candidatos(as) finalistas que solicitaron la posición de Administrador(ra) de la escuela.

Dialogue/Diálogo/Tlahtocan

- Parents were engaged into the discussion providing input and asking questions about the
 Title I policy. Finally, Mrs. Jane asked parents for consensus about agreements and
 collaboration. / Los padres de familia participaron activamente en la discusión y
 aportaron sus opiniones, expresaron su voz e hicieron preguntas sobre la política del
 Título I. Finalmente, La Sra. Jane pidió consenso para tener el acuerdo en colaborar.
- For Title IV, all parents agreed that the most important to help students to advance
 academically is to use those funds to cover salary for a Reading Interventionist position.
 /Para el Título IV, todos(as) los(las) padres de familia acordaron que lo más importante
 ahora para ayudar a los(las) estudiantes avanzar académicamente es usar los fondos
 para cubrir el salario de una posición para Intervencionista en Lectura.
- For Fine Arts Education, hopefully we will be able to hire an instructor who can provide support with the enrichment program./Para el de Educación de las Bellas Artes, se espera que se pueda contratar un(una) instructor(a) que pueda proveer apoyo con el programa de enriquecimiento.
- 3. Updates by Lucia Carmona, Director or Operations and Community Engagement/Reporte por Lucia Directora de Operaciones y Conexión Comunitaria
 - Preparing End of the Year and Kinder Graduation Gathering on June 5th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm / Preparación de la Reunión de Fin de Año Escolar y Graduación de Kindergarten el 5 de Junio de las 10:00 am a 12:00 pm
 - We will have an opportunity for a small Summer Camp at school in Coordination with La Semilla Food Center. It will be with limited cap of 10 students (first come first serve) The topic will be gardening, and it will take place two days at school and three days online, scheduled for the week of June 21-25. /Tendremos la oportunidad en coordinación con La Semilla Food Center de tener un pequeño Campamento de Verano que se enfocará en actividades de jardín, y serán dos días en persona y tres en línea, todo durante la semana del 21-15 de Junio.
- 4. Next Monthly Meeting (Junio 17 at 7:00 pm)/Siguiente Reunión Mensual (Junio 17 a las 7:00 pm)

Some topics for next meeting/**Algunos temas sugeridos**:

- Will be discussed before the next session through each group. /Se discutirá antes de cada sesión con cada salón (K, 1, and 2)
- General Updates/Actualizaciones en general
- 5. Closing and remarks to leave with a positive thought. /Para cerrar y resumir, dejar algún pensamiento positive.

Participants:

Parents: Dany Rivera, Karen Chavez, Ivonne Varela, Karla Martinez, Yvonne Lozoya, Gerogina Badoni, Jazmin Saenz, Lesly Ortiz, María Realzola, Gemma Morales, Michelle Carbajal, Liz Lucero, Jessica Tarango, India Hernández, Gladislaine Mendoza, Nahtasha Garza, Mayela González.

Parent Board member to Represent the Concilio: - Daniel Ferraro

Board Member Liaison: - Holaya Ponce-Acosta

School Staff: Christy Takacs, Interim Head Administrator; Elva Varela, Office Manager; and Lucia Carmona, Operations and Community Engagement.



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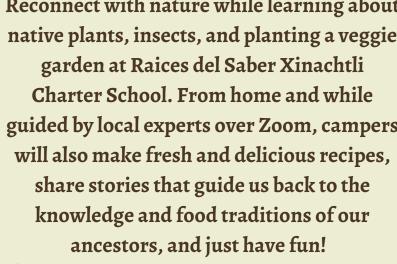
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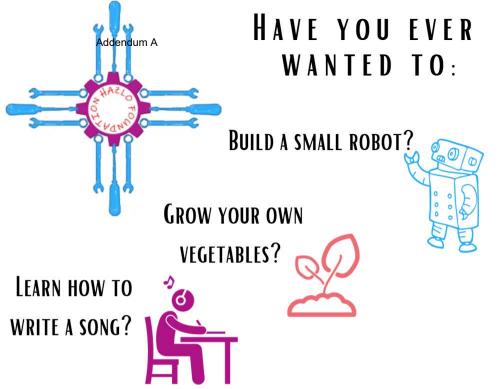
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Governance Board Development Committee

May 27, 2021 Board Meeting Report

1. <u>Update on Board Recruitment Process:</u>

Following is an update on where we stand on our candidates for the board at the moment:

- a. <u>Erika De La O-Medina</u> Erika is still planning to attend the June Board Meeting. She may be able to get on the Zoom today. We have her resume and she should be sending her letter of interest within a day or two.
- b. <u>Sabrina Zamora</u> She still intends to attend the June Board Meeting. Have her resume and her letter of interest is pending.
- c. <u>Patricia López</u> She will be attending the June Board Meeting. We have her resume and she had confirmed we will have her letter of interest by mid-June. Her mother passed away just his last week or otherwise she would have attended our May 27 Board Meeting.
- d. <u>Maria Luisa Gónzalez</u> She is going to attend the June Raices Board Meeting with Sabrina Zamora, for whom she has been a close mentor, and is still considering joining the board. We could vote her onto the Board in September.
- 2. <u>Update from Board Policy Subcommittee</u> Jane and Tonya have had an initial meeting to discuss work on a chain of command policy for both staff and Board Members. However, there was so much effort going into finding an interim principal and the recruitment process for the principal, there has not been time to focus on this. Hopefully June will be a less demanding month once all federal and state applications and the final budget are turned in to the state. This month we had to do a fast turnaround to develop a much more in-depth Parent Engagement Policy in order to qualify for Title I funds.
- 3. Plan for June 24 Annual Meeting At the last meeting we talked about deciding at this meeting if the June Annual Meeting will be in-person and we need to poll board members for agreement at this May meeting. The school will not have children during the day, so our Director of Operations, Lucia Carmona, has assured us she will have the building freshly sanitized by the custodian if we do the meeting at the school. We will have the new principal at that meeting and it would be good to meet her in-person.
- 4. <u>Development of a Slate for New Officers</u> Developing this slate will be the one of the most important efforts in the upcoming month of June to present at the June 24th meeting. We are behind on this because we have had to put so much time in on our head administrator transitions plans over the past two months.

Facilities 4.25.21

Ray Reich

Facilities committee met on above date: Fred Mobley, Jane Asche, Ray Reich, Christy Takas, Lucia Carmona, Kenaba Hatathlie (NISN).

<u>County Permits</u>: Expected movement and signoff very close. All parties now moving and have promised to expatriate: ETA June 4,2021

Portables: Working out details for purchase by FYI ETA 5.31.21

<u>Contractors:</u> Fred is lining up contractor to coordinate completion of current unit and movement of second ASAP. Full completion of set up of the second portable by 3rd week of July to be attempted and anticipated.

New 6 Foot Fence on north side of school property. Replacing fencing tomorrow, Friday May 28, on north side of playground.

Note: The Facilities Committee is now meeting every week on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM with the leadership of NISN facilities expert, Daniel Ulibarri. Kenaba has been sitting in for Daniel during his 2 week vacation this week and last.